

Backyard Composting: Breaking it Down to Basics

Saturday, October 9, 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Mesa Main Library, 64 E. First St.

Course Description

One can never make enough compost! That's the mantra of this speaker who will describe her adventures in composting in the desert where things do not putrefy, they petrify. Learn to recycle your garden and kitchen debris, tricks to keep the compost moist and bacteria working, and beneficial uses of compost for your garden or landscape.

Speaker Bio—Pam Perry

Pam Perry is a Master Gardener in three states. Her earliest gardening was done with her mom in Vermont, where they practiced techniques taught by Ruth Stout, a New England gardener who promoted layer composting. This technique conserves and utilizes moisture from winter snows while amending the soil.

Moving west, Pam soon learned that in arid climates things do not putrefy, they petrify. It was often too easy to recognize the individual identities of the debris she'd hoped would become compost! She quickly learned the tricks and techniques needed in the low desert to compost successfully and will share that with participants.

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